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POLITICAL

1. Afro-Asian Conference (Bandung II)

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B1(A)(3) 1 [] The Ambassador has discussed with [] problems
USG foresees for itself and for those moderate countries who will be actually
participating in the forthcoming Afro-Asian Conference in Algiers.
[] stated that Ben Bella has urged King Faysal to attend the Conference and
Saqqaf believes he will do so.

[] expressed interest in receiving help in preparing for the
Conference. Embassy will deliver statement on US position in Vietnam and
comments on procedural measures which USG expects Chicom to try to force
on meeting. (SECRET)

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4. Faysal Approves US Stand in Dominican Crisis

In his May 5 interview with Ambassador Hart, King Faysal expressed vigorous approval of President Johnson's policy in the Dominican Republic. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: The Embassy had received one report that the King had forbidden commentary in the local press on the Dominican and Vietnam crisis. A few editorials have appeared however critical, although muted in tone of the USG action in the Dominican Republic which indicates whatever order may have been given, it was not definite as originally reported. (See Psychological) (CONFIDENTIAL)

MILITARY

1. C-130 Purchases

Minister of Defense Prince Sultan advised Ambassador Hart May 10 that SAG would pay cash for the four C-130 aircraft it intends to purchase and will not seek any credit arrangements. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: This decision was probably taken in an effort to avoid further delays in consummating this transaction. The USG had become deeply involved in recent weeks following a request from Sultan to arrange expeditious delivery

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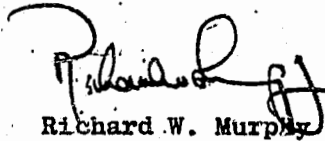
of two C-130 aircraft. This request was made several weeks ago during a period of great tension in SAG caused by what it believed were serious threats to its territory by UAR forces in the Yemen. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. Dominican Republic

Press coverage of the Dominican Republic crisis grew in volume during the past week but was largely confined to material translated from the AP and UP wire services. Two editorials were published critical of US intervention. Al-Madina's columnist, Lebanese writer Bashir al-'Awf, restricted his criticism to sympathizing with the smaller nations of the world who were still unable to organize their relations with one another in such a way as to discourage great power intervention. In a subsequent issue al-Madina's columnist "Rasid" noted that other Latin American countries could expect this same type of intervention unless the United States, by its actions in assisting the Latin Americans economically, could convince these countries that a Communist-type revolution as a way to better their economic lot was unnecessary. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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